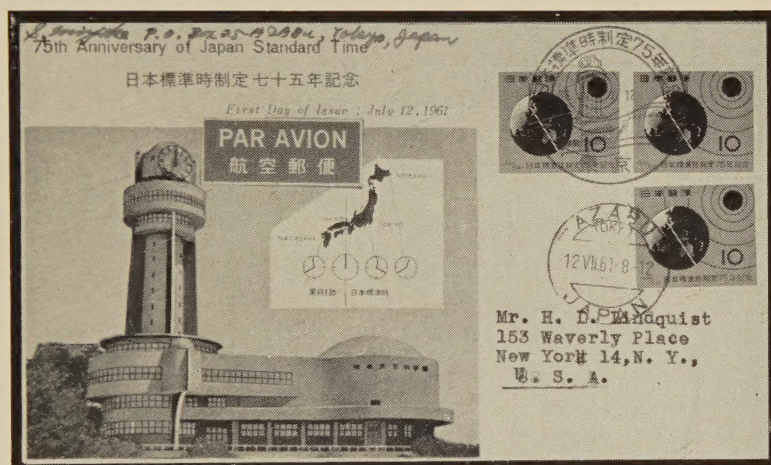


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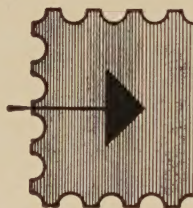
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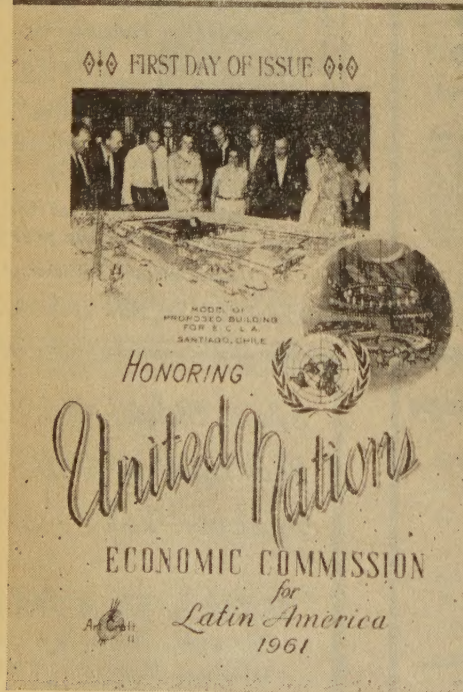
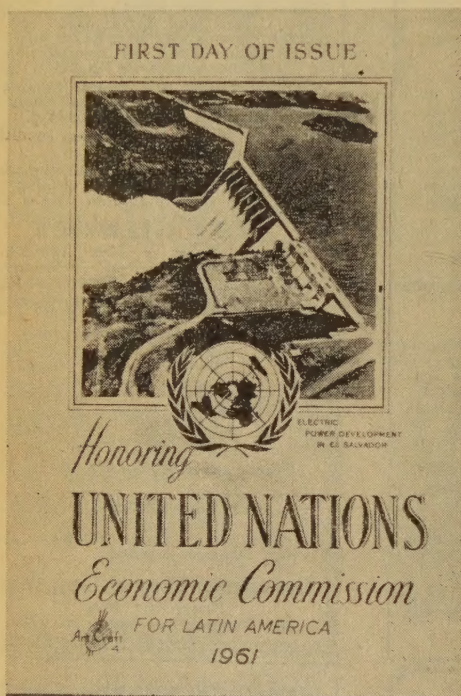
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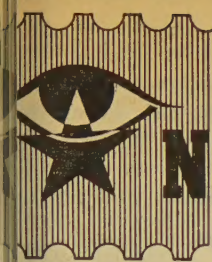
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People-to-People Citations to Stanley Ross and General Cornelius W. Wickershaw

IS A pleasure to present two more prominent philatelists who are taking an active part in People-to-People Program, and have recently received citations "Outstanding Contributions to International Good Will." Two were shown in our issue of July 27, 1961: Robert Gomersall and George Miller. They and the one we are presenting this week, as well as a few others about whom we will report in future issues, have been awarded citations for the work they have done on the People-to-People Hobbies Committee, Inc. In the accompanying picture, at the left, you will see receiving the citation, Stanley Ross, of 164 Duane Street, New York 13, New York. Mr. Ross is Editor-in-Chief and Associate Publisher of *El Diario de Nueva York*, the leading Spanish-language daily newspaper in the United States. In the People-to-

People Hobbies Committee he is the vice president in charge of Spanish Affairs. He has translated and had answered hundreds of letters from Spanish to English and vice versa.

General Cornelius W. Wickershaw, seen receiving the citation in the picture at the right, is well known in the philatelic field as an enthusiastic collector and ardent worker. His specialized collections of Venezuela and Liberia have won many awards, and have resulted in the leading monographs on these countries. He is a past president of the *Collectors Club* of New York, and actively participates in many philatelic affairs. In the People-to-People Hobbies Committee General Wickershaw's services as legal counselor have been of inestimable value. He has acted in this capacity since the very inception of the P-to-P Program, arranged for its incorporation, and all other details requiring legal advice, preparation of papers, etc.

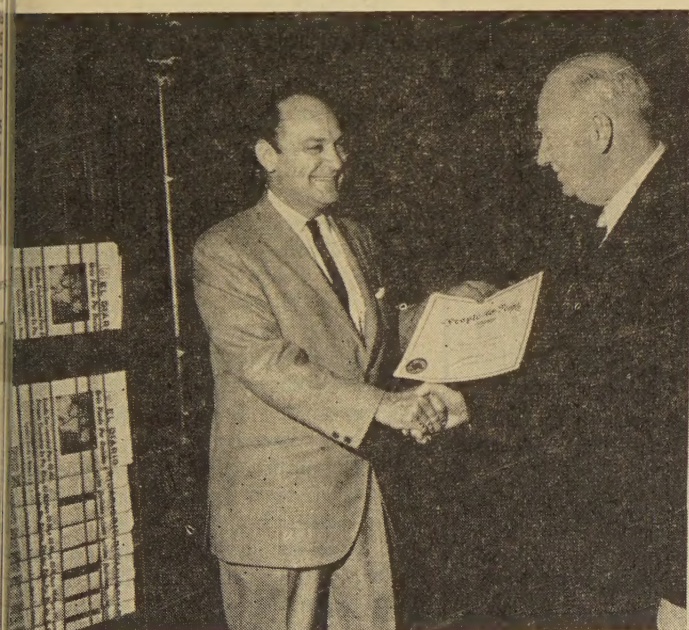
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Eisenhower, who inaugurated the People-to-People Program during his tenure as President of the United States, General Wickershaw was urged by the President to head the Hobbies Committee. He was unable personally to do so owing to other commitments, but his recommendations were followed in the appointment that was made.

Stockholm Philatelic Society Celebrating its 75th Anniversary

THE Philatelic Society of Stockholm will celebrate its 75th anniversary with an exhibition in which Swedish collectors are invited to take part. Named FILEX 61, it will take place at Kundshallen, Stockholm, September 14-18, 1961.

This society, which is the oldest union of philatelists in Sweden and the origin of the Philatelic Association of Sweden, was founded on September 18, 1886 under the name



Stanley Ross, shown in the picture at the left, accepts his People-to-People citation from H. L. Lindquist in the Press Room of *El Diario de Nueva York*; at the left in the picture the newspaper can be seen as it comes all folded off the presses. In the photograph at the right, General Cornelius W. Wickershaw is receiving his citation in his private office at 14 Wall Street, New York; part of his law library can be seen in the background.

(Photo by Bill Homan)



Sheet of poster stamps for Stockholm P. S. 75th anniversary.

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657	1929	2c Sullivan.....	.50	...
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682	1930	2c Mass. Bay Colony.....	.50	1.25
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689	1930	2c Von Steuben.....	.60	...
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of the *Stamp Collectors Society of Stockholm*. It held eleven meetings the first year and had thirty members. The Society has steadily increased in size, and today has about 700 members.

A post office will be established within the exhibition hall, and a special jubilee postmark will be used similar to the Stockholm mark of 1886.

The jubilee coincides with the jubilee of the posthorn on the Swedish stamps, introduced in the year 1886. Because of the coincidental anniversaries, it was decided to use for the publicizing the exhibition a small perforated sheet of poster stamps using a type design similar to the stamps of 1886 though not exactly the same, and with every other stamp of the sheet showing a blue postmark and an inscription for the jubilee exhibition. (See accompanying illustration). Special envelopes and cards have also been planned for the exhibition, though we have not had details concerning them.

There will be ninety exhibits in the competitive class from various parts of the world. There will be a Class of Honor consisting of specially invited exhibits which have received gold or higher awards in international exhibitions.

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British Society of Russian Philately Celebrates Silver Jubilee

THE British Society of Russian Philately celebrated its silver jubilee on June 24, 1961, with an exhibition at the premises of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, Devonshire Place, London W.1, England. Twenty members participated in the display, which was organized by Dr. Alfred H. Wortman, along with J. Negus, also prepared the catalog. A Silver Jubilee number of the Society's Bulletin, published simultaneously, gave some background information on its history, from which we have taken the following notes:

The Society was founded as "The Russian Study Circle" in 1910 through the combined efforts of Wortman and the late Vivian Pickering. Mr. Pickering sent a letter to the *Stamp Collectors Society* on May 3, 1936, inviting

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The letter was published in the latest issue of the *Fortnightly*, and as a result, an informal meeting was held June 4, 1936, when the framework of the Society's Constitution was laid down for circulation to members. The Society's first Bulletin was circulated by Mr. Pickering June 15, 1936.

The first formal meeting was held October 31, 1936, at the premises of Morris Publications, Ltd., with seven founding members. The founding members, in addition to Mr. Pickering and Dr. Wortman were: L. Basgathwaite, W. H. H. Huddy, A. W. Leaves, Charles Stibbe, and the late E. Hughes. Dr. Wortman was elected the first President, and Mr. Pickering became the Hon. Secretary. The second meeting took place January 13, 1937, at the premises of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, with fourteen members. Sir John Wilson spoke and displayed Imperial Re-Issues 1858-1894. By October 1937 the Circle had twenty members.

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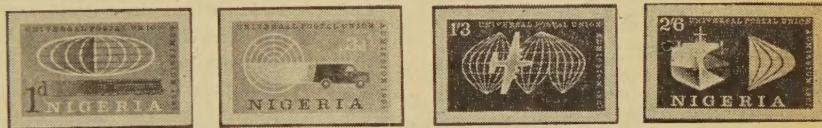
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A further meeting of the Society was held on June 6, 1939, but the Second World War intervened, and meetings were suspended until October 27, 1945, when the Society convened at the Charing Cross Hotel.

Mr. Pickering, whose letter to the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* had been responsible for the founding of the Society, and who had continued as a valuable member and "spark-plug" throughout the intervening time, died in 1948 after a short illness, a great loss to the Society.

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Shirubhai Mehta writes that the A.R.'s United Arab Airlines will inauate their Cairo/Bombay service in the dle of August. Though a cachet is ly to be used on the mails on the ro/Bombay sector, information had been made available up to the time his writing as to whether the Indian t office would use any cachet on the urn flight from Bombay to Cairo.

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, Director The Boys Town PhilaMatic Center, holding open house on Thursday, Au-t 10, 1961, at 7:00 P.M.

Mark Cassidy, editor of the Baltimore ilatelst, writing in the June issue on Kansas Statehood stamp, comments: was born and raised in Kansas and ed there for forty years, but I never w an orange or red centered sunflower. e only sunflowers I ever saw were rt of like overgrown black-eyed susans. , I wonder where the idea for the nflower on the Kansas Statehood stamp me from."

Vice Admiral George C. Dyer, of nnapolis, Md., sends a clipping from a cent editorial in the Baltimore Sun, complaining that commemorative stamps e "commonly of hideous design" and ar too large." Regular issues, it conds, are often not available at post fices. (Not our experience; always have ask for comems, else we get regu-rs). The "\$100 million estimated revue gained from special issues must not e sneered at," it states, considering the terrible state of the Post Office's

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Mrs. Eva S. Collier, Lima, Ohio, sends a story which appeared in the July 2, 1961, issue of the *Citizen* (Lima), concerning a *Joseph Arndt*, a Lima resident who makes friends in all parts of the world through his two hobbies of short-wave radio and stamp collecting. Many of his international friends share his two hobbies, and when writing to foreign radio stations, *Arndt* usually encloses some U. S. commemoratives, which are always very well received and appreciated. However, when he sent a gift of a handkerchief and a few other items costing altogether less than two dollars to Istanbul, his friend there had to pay \$3.00 duty on them, which *Arndt* promptly reimbursed, lest the friendship be soured. The U.S. Customs can be equally arbitrary about charging excessive duty on items of trifling or even no value received as a gift, as we well know by experience. When you send inexpensive gifts abroad to any country, be very careful to state their value and that they are sent as a gift, else your friend may end up paying twice or more their worth.

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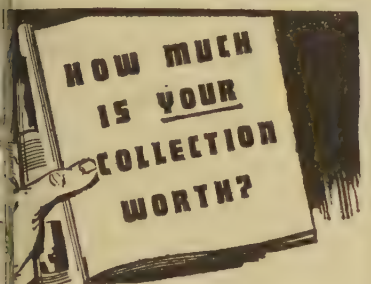
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Q.—I enclose a stamp with perforations in the center of it. I fear it is just a freak, but hope it may have some meaning.

A.—Indeed it does have a meaning, though not the kind of meaning which I suppose you hoped. It is a "perfin", a pattern of holes which serves both to identify the user, and also to prevent theft of postage in a large firm mailing up to thousands of letters a day. The time-saving and labor-saving and therefore money-saving meters are largely replacing use of perfins by these firms, but some still use them. Some collectors specialize in them, and there was and perhaps still is a Perfins club, but if still existing, I do not know any address to give you, should you be interested. Perhaps some reader can supply this information.

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Q.—How tell flat plate vs. rotary vs. special printing on Mothers' Day stamps —#737-738-654?

A.—The flat plate method of printing is just what it says. The plate is flat, and impressions of single sheets of paper are made against it. Rotary printing is more like a mimeograph, but against a large roll of paper—two plates bent to fit a cylinder. The special printings were done for the so-called Farleys, as per notes in Scott's Specialized catalog. Now to make it easier: flat plate is perf. 11; rotary is 11 x 1½; #754 is imperf.

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Q.—Do you have the numbers for rotary and flat plate printings for the first 8c Liberty (#1041, Type A488) in your files?

A.—No need to file such data; Scott's specialized catalog gives it all on p. 171. Also, I repeat, any one interested in plate numbers should have files of the *Bureau Specialist* which comes with membership in BIA. Also, such lists as Crane's (A. B. Crane, Box 351, Altoona, Pa.)

Here is what Scott tells, but hereafter for such queries I must refer only to the catalogs, as readily available information should be looked up themselves by those interested. Takes time, of course.

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a stamp to mark the 100th anniversary
of the legislation instituting the Congres-
sional Medal of Honor.

He points out that the Medal of Honor
was the first decoration formally au-
thorized by the American Government
to be worn as a badge of honor. "It
was a product of the Civil War, created
for the Navy, December 21, 1861. The
Army Medal was established six months
later."

Mr. Hickman feels such a stamp would
not only commemorate the event, but
would also honor all those who have
distinguished themselves conspicuously
above and beyond the call of duty, and
would show gratitude on the part of their
country. He enclosed to the P.M.G. a
copy of the recent Malta stamp to com-
memorate the anniversary of the award
of the George Cross to Malta as an ex-
ample of how well such a medal adapts
itself as an attractive subject for a stamp.

Mr. Hickman hopes that other collec-
tors interested in such a stamp will write
the Postmaster General, urging its issu-
ance.

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THE Post Office Department has an-
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On August 20, at the meeting of the
Institute of Aerospace Sciences/Navy in
San Diego, a four-cent Naval Aviation
stamp, which will pay tribute to a half-
century of the development of the Navy's
Air Arm and its contribution to the na-
tional defense.

A four-cent stamp will be issued on
Labor Day (September 4) in Milwau-
kee, Wisconsin, to mark the anniversary
of the effective date of the first success-
ful Workmen's Compensation legislation
passed by the Wisconsin legislature of
1911. The Wisconsin law set a pattern
for vital compensation laws passed sub-
sequently throughout the country to pro-
vide protection for employees and their
families in the event of accidents and
resulting disabilities.

Frederic Remington, famed American
artist noted for his vivid, authentic treat-
ment of the American West, will be
honored by a four-cent multicolored
stamp to be issued in Washington, D.C.
on October 4, 1961. It will feature a
reproduction of one of Remington's most
outstanding paintings.

There will be a four-cent multicolored
stamp, designed by Al Parker, to honor
the Nursing profession. Formalized train-
ing of nurses in professional schools be-
gan in this country in 1861, according
to the Department release. Date and
place will be announced later.

The Post Office Department noted that
the announcement of these four stamps
leaves only two more commemorative
issues to be determined for 1961, bring-
ing the total to fifteen. They will be an-
nounced soon after necessary research
and preliminary design work is com-
pleted.

The eleven-man Citizen's Stamp Ad-
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tember to recommend stamp issues for
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The designer of the George W. Norris
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resentatives of the late Senator's family,
was highlighted by a likeness of the Sena-
tor taken by the Ferdinand and Vogel Studio,
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Philatelic Specialization

By JAMES W. MILGRAM

TO GENERAL collectors it often seems odd that one can limit the sphere of his collecting to one stamp. When we first begin to collect, we try to get as many different stamps as possible from all over the world. The endless varieties of countries and the difference in designs are appealing to the beginning collector. Then one develops a taste for some special country or area, and a desire to aim for completion.

But finally, as a person continues collecting, he reaches a crossroads, where he must take one of several paths. If he is as wealthy as a Caspary, then it is possible to keep adding to one's collection, but for most people the prices of the scarce and rare stamps needed for completion begins to present a barrier. Then too, just to keep up with the world's new issues in the case of many countries is a full-time job and a strain on the philatelic budget. The advanced collector begins to limit his field. What may induce him to enter one or another specialty is something which perhaps even he cannot explain; he just knows that that particular field has an appeal for him.

In the United States U. S. stamps are most widely collected, just as in other countries the home product is the most popular. This probably is largely because they are the most readily available, as is also litera-

ture concerning them. Some, on the other hand, like to pick a field that is relatively unexplored, where they can enjoy the challenge that presents itself in original research. There are many avenues of interest from which to choose.

When the time came for narrowing down for this writer, it was covers of earlier vintage than our present era that had the main attraction. Covers have more of a story to tell than does a stamp; often the letters that accompany them reveal a fascinating bit of history or personal experiences of the writer of them.

So one can see how it is possible for a collector to limit his sphere drastically, and yet enlarge the scope of his activities. Often such a person becomes a valuable source of information for other collectors when he records his original findings in research through his writings. In the meanwhile, as he learns more and more about his one subject, he is as active as when he was collecting on a wider scale, so he has no feeling of having cut down on his collecting. Certainly, his interest is greater because of his personal contribution of time and effort in a fascinating pursuit of more knowledge.

The Confederate 10 Cents Blue
Now the prime specialization is to take just one stamp. "Well," you

say, "what in heaven does this low do after he has bought a stamp of the stamp?" Suppose we take the Confederate stamp as an example the T-E-N, 10 cents blue issued April of 1863.

There are two principal variations in which to go. One can go for varieties in the stamp and varieties in covers.

With modern methods of printing and especially in the format of the plate, few consistent varieties occur in our era which can be detected with the naked eye. In the early days of stamp production there were often easily seen varieties which resulted from the transfer of the die to the plate. The 1c 1857 issues of the United States have several types listed, some of which have great value; the difference only due to the formation of the plate since several types occurred on the same sheet. The existence of these varieties leads specialists to try to reconstruct the original sheet as they put together a crossword puzzle. Of course, this operation is only possible if a full sheet is not available. There are many early U. S. stamps which are not so available, one being the Confederate 10c. The T-E-N stamp logs \$50 used, and thus is not to come by even in singles. Other stamps are the 1c and 3c U. S. 1857.

How does one plate a stamp? The principle can be shown for a pair of four. Let us suppose that the upper left stamp has "potage" spelled "potage", the upper right stamp has an odd eye, the lower left stamp has a dot of color at the tip of the nose (known as the "running nose" variety) and the lower right stamp has Jeff shaven. Obviously a single stamp can tell nothing about its position, but if we have an "eye" "running nose" pair and later a "shaven" and "running nose" pair we can superimpose one pair on the other to give the relative positions. If then a "potage" single is up (assuming only four varieties known), we can tentatively place it in the fourth position, but proof would only be found in a sheet. Now of course I used a sheet composed of only four stamps



Confederate TEN CENTS stamp on cover with unique violet colored cancellation, postmarked at Lynchburg, Virginia.

ue plate has 200 subjects. And varieties are not so obvious; the trick is to find them and put them together.

er varieties in the stamp can be found in the colors. *Scott* lists stamp in blue with two color tints, milky blue and gray blue. In modern color-mixing process are standardized, while it was of this and a dash of that of the old days. The stamp on the illustrated cover is of a milky blue

side from the plating other ob- faults sometimes exist. Many old plates cracked under con- siderable heavy use, and stamps were removed from them before the plate was replaced. In this case a damaged variety is cataloged. Another variety is a double rolling of the paper roll so as to give a double impression on the plate. These are called "double transfers", and generally exist only in certain parts of the stamp.

When just the stamp is collected, one can go after multiples, pairs, or blocks, both used and unused. Multiples can also be found on covers.

Postal Usages

The second large classification with regard to the one stamp is to consider all possible usages of the stamp. These can in turn be broken

down into the general classifications of the cancellation and the envelope.

Cancellations are of many types in the Confederacy because there was no standardization of procedure. Actually, one could save each different cancellation to be found on the stamp. In general, however, there are certain outstanding accepted varieties which are known. Taking the *Scott's Specialized U. S. Catalog* we see five different colors listed. You may say this is a bit ridiculous, but I am sure I could point out some things which could be called ridiculous in any collection. We should not criticize the interests of others just because they are different from our own. Colored cancellations happen to appeal very strongly to collectors because they are attractive. A cover with the T-E-N in the Caspary sale sold for \$675 just because of an attractive red grid. The illustrated cover is cancelled by Lynchburg, Va. in violet; this is the only known copy with a cancellation in this color and is the one from which the listing was made.

Other listed cancellations include gridirons and odd cancellations. Grids were not regularly used in the Confederacy, and when found, are just remainders from before the war. Odd cancellations may be what are called fancy cancels, such as a man's face or a barrel of gin. These do not exist on Confederate stamps but

other ones not quite so fancy lend variety to a collection. More interesting is a railroad postmark. There was one of these in an auction sale a few years ago, showing that the item was cancelled at the railroad station.

Indications of early usage are desirable so an April 1863 year date is listed. Also listed is a *manuscript* postmark. Most people do not realize that specialized collectors prefer to have handstamped markings. There are arguments that can be given either for or against, but the result is that many do not want manuscript markings either in pen, pencil or crayon. The catalogers, recognizing this, price the manuscript marking at \$20.00 while the stamp lists at \$50.00. Unfortunately, this difference is only shown in the specialized catalog, so people are surprised if a dealer offers them \$15 for a perfect stamp cataloging \$50 and they yell "robber".

The last variety in our survey is the envelope itself. As explained in the Dietz catalog, many kinds of paper were used during the Confederacy and many varieties exist today. The catalog lists a wallpaper cover but the stamp is also known on turned covers, homemade covers, and other types of envelopes. I saw a beautiful patriotic cover in the finest possible condition recently. A use which must be extremely rare

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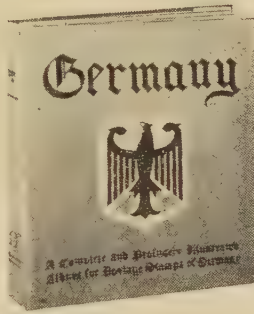
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By Edward A. Livingstone

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*Plate Number Activity at the
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POST OFFICE release #103, dated

July 1, 1961, indicates twenty-five new plate numbers were assigned, twelve were sent to press, and ten cancelled in May.

All of the plates involved the regular issues. Four numbers were assigned to the new 11c Liberty: 26964-76-78-79; and five to the new 13c airmail: 26965-70-75-77, and 26959. Only the first two named reached the press in May.

The ten cancelled plates covered the 1c and 4c sheets, coils, and booklet panes, with no significant shortages indicated.

The Bureau still has a number of plates to cancel, which go back as far as 26448 for the 8c Reuter; also the master plates for the Credo series, and many of the later commemoratives now out of use for over a year, such as the plates for the 4c Boy Scout stamp.

*Plate Numbers for the 1959
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Six of the eight plates have gone to press: 26289-90-91-92, and 26660-61. Plates 26833-4 have not yet been released to press.

Plates 26289-90-91-92 have been cancelled with from 228,000 to 295,000 impressions prior to the application of the black denominations. It is possible, therefore, to find all six plates being used for a single denomination. If a plate were used for 280,000 impressions, fourteen different values might then be produced from this plate, with an average of only 20,000 impressions each, but of course it must be assumed that they would be unevenly used in this distribution. It is too early to establish which of the present six plates have been used for all denominations.

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Mr. LaBar was a widower. He is survived by a daughter, Barbara, of New Brunswick. It is not known at this time whether the business will be continued.

—Herman Herst, Jr.

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Gist of the News

George R. Rankin, of Milwaukee, Wisc., submits two items from *The Milwaukee Journal* of July 2, 1961. One tells of a collector who has an album of appropriate cancellations for several holidays. Examples are given, such as St. Patrick, Mo.; Erin, Tenn. and N.Y.; Shamrock, Mo.; Killarney, W. Va.; and several others for St. Patrick's Day. The other item, along similar lines, was copied from *The Lodi Enterprise*. Here again, U.S. postmarks furnish the key with such names as Denmark, Vienna, Armenia, Bagdad, Athens, etc., all in Wisconsin. The item comments that one can travel around the world without ever leaving the state of Wisconsin. Many more names besides those we have repeated were mentioned.

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Neilson M. Caplan, 307 Archer St., Fall River, Mass., is anxious to obtain a copy of STAMPS for December 9, 1933, which we no longer have in stock. He is particularly interested in the article by G. W. N. Usticke, "Condition and Its Effect on the Value of Stamps," and would appreciate the loan of this issue from anyone who has it.

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THIS specialized catalog of Israel philately was published previously in England by the *Mosden Stamp Company*. Earlier editions appeared in 1954, 1956, 1957, and 1958 under the editorship of Major E. Denfield and E. Moshi. Now Mr. Moshi, in company with two New York Israel specialists—Louis S. Schulman and Leon Walters—has brought out this new expanded catalog, published in New York by the *Moswall Publishing Company*. The result of this collective endeavor is an encyclopedia of Israel stamp collecting, Holy Land Postal History, and collateral material.

It is a fascinating experience to browse through this work and discover in it little-known or seldom-published facts of early Holy Land postal history; and to read about current Israel stamps, with all the necessary philatelic data, including a section heavily laden with errors, varieties, and printing flaws such as many collectors relish.

This outstanding catalog should also have great attraction for the stamp collector interested in the Biblical subjects on Israel stamps, for in it many Hebrew inscriptions are translated, and chapter and verse given. Unfortunately, however, this aspect is not uniform. The editors have utilized material made available to the public by the *Israel Philatelic Service*, but it is apparent that little attempt was made to secure similar information concerning items dating back before the *I.P.S.* supplied such data. However, the entire work is a tremendous undertaking,

and with its new features no doubt time-consuming in compilation. With a pioneer effort, one sometimes has to leave some things for the future; it is to be hoped that there will be time for this research work before the next edition is brought together and published, so that these gaps of knowledge may be closed.

The catalog brings Israel postal history to life, introducing a section on Forerunners, that period covering the second half of the nineteenth century up to the outbreak of World War I. At that time, it will be recalled, the Turkish Empire had agreed, by capitulation treaties, to allow six foreign governments to run their own independent postal systems in the Holy Land. Following the victory of the Egyptian Expeditionary Forces of the British Army, which then occupied and administered the government of Palestine (1917-1923), the League of Nations gave Great Britain a mandate, which lasted until the United Nations' resolution of November 29, 1947, calling for the partition of Palestine. Stamps issued during this period are listed and pictured, in considerable detail, with helpful explanatory texts. Postmarks, overprints, even essays are shown here, but watermarks are not, although they are mentioned.

During the interval of time when the British Mandate was drawing to a close and the postal system nearly came to a complete stop, we have the "Interim" period, which is listed in the catalog. Here the Jewish Agency and the National Council avoided the almost complete disruption of postal services by managing an emergency postal system, manned by all employees of the Jewish sectors of the country. They supplied emergency postage stamps, those colorful labels issued by the *Jewish National Fund* for fund-raising, overprinted with the word "Doar" (Post). This section of

the catalog gives extensive details, including pictures of forged overprints. Local issues, prepared by isolated towns, such as Safed and Nahariya, and local postmarks are shown. Reading through this section the collector gets a vivid idea of conditions in 1948 prior to the May 15 date of Statehood, and the ensuing war of liberation.

Many items here described will be exciting history to the stamp collector and to the intellectually curious, whether or not they ever include any of this material in a collection. Jewish history outside of Israel is recorded in the concentration camp and ghetto mail, and other pertinent Judaica.

In the Israel section all philatelic data, including dates of issue and withdrawal are given, as well as quantities issued, whenever this information had been released by the Philatelic Services. There is a table of postal rates in Israel, but only the most recent. One bit of interesting information which is omitted would be beneficial to the user of the catalog. This is how the postage rates began, and changed, which would enable an appreciation and explanation of the variety of postage denominations and the large number of air letter sheets and post cards that were issued. Perhaps this will be included in the next edition. It would help the collector to understand why there are so many air mail stamps and definitives in use at one time.

One might happily note the conversion table in the belief it would shed light on Israel currency vis-a-vis U.S. dollars and British pound sterling. But disappointment would follow, for what appears is only of use to one who wants to buy what is listed here in U. S. dollars if payment is to be made in these two other currencies. Nowhere can the collector figure out from it what is the face value of an Israel stamp, for the list of Israel prutot (now agorot) does not contain a single value that appears on a stamp. It would be desirable for a conversion table to say, for example, that "as of July 1, 1953, to this date, one Israel Pound is equal to approximately 56c, that one Pound contained 1,000 units called prutot, until January 1, 1960, when the currency unit was changed to 100 agorot per Pound. The new provisional set of 1960 pictures this change by use of a zero and decimal point, i.e., 50 agorot (half an Israel Pound), now is shown: 0.50, where previously half an Israel Pound simply was 500 prutot—of equal value, but with the last zero dropped."

The photography of the stamps in the catalog is not uniformly good; sometimes it is excellent; in other instances one can barely make out the details of the picture, and the Hebrew inscription is occasionally illegible, as on the Negev stamp and many of the definitive coinage stamps. No explanation except for perforation change is given on how to distinguish between the first definitive coinage stamps issued December 18, 1949, and the revised edition, issued September to December 1950. Altered cap-

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We have pointed out the shortcomings only because these are the few things which keep this from being even nearer than it is to a perfection job, and because we believe that by mentioning them, these defects may be called to attention and remedied in future editions. We can and do heartily recommend this book as something that will give you much pleasure and which you will find to be a most valuable reference work. It is complete through the stamps issued up to Israel's thirteenth independence anniversary, April 18, 1961; and besides, it lists forthcoming issues for the remainder of 1961. It even includes the little-known fact that the supply of 1 agora provisional stamps, printed on pink paper, became exhausted and an additional printing was made November 11, 1960, on white paper. The stamp looks like its predecessor, but on turning it over, the white paper shows through the gum. This stamp was in use until the provisional agorot series was withdrawn on May 15, 1961.

We have already taken up a lot of space with this review, and could go on and on with high praise for what the editors have achieved. The catalog is so full of interest that this writer "got lost" in it, and "came to" with this review after many hours of study at a quarter to three in the morning. To mention briefly a few more items the catalog covers: dates of post office openings and closings, first flights, balloon flights, all first day covers, all special and slogan cancellations, a special section on the Sinai campaign, and the short-lived Israel postal administration of the Gaza strip. A variety of Judaica, labels, maximum cards and folders, and a list of J.N.F. stamps by categories, followed by a list of Jews on stamps, worldwide, conclude this fine catalog.

—HELENE LANDE BLUMKIN

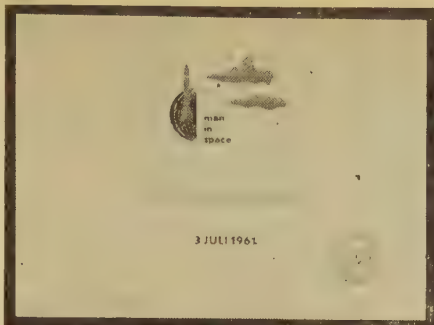
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Polish Underground Postal Issue

By **WLADISLAW KOLAKOWSKI**

LAST SUMMER on a trip to Poland I had the good fortune to renew my acquaintance with a Polish patriot who was known during the war years by the name "Mir" (Disguise). With him I was able to verify the information for this article.

In 1942 an organization for freedom operating in Poland under the

also a kind of patriotic appeal to the people for their support of the underground fight. The stamp shows a white Polish eagle guarding with his wings the city of Warsaw, protecting her monuments and historic buildings from the attack of the black eagle, symbolizing the enemy.

The white and black eagles dominate the design, which was done in red or brown on various colors of paper, and in the background we see the silhouette of Warsaw's monument to *Zygmunt* and other landmarks. On the top of the stamp is the inscription "Tajna Poczta Polska" (Underground Post Office of Poland), and on the bottom the value, 25 gr., and the words "Obrona Warszawy" (Defense of Warsaw).

The dimensions of the stamps are $1\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ inches, with line perforations $11\frac{1}{2}$. They came in sheets of fifteen, the sheets measuring about $6'' \times 5''$. The issue consisted of 18,500, printed between the dates of May 3, 1942, and July 24, 1944. Many were destroyed because of the inadequate facilities for handling and printing, which was done by lithographic process by workers who had to keep changing their hideouts. In addition, most of the stamps were destroyed by the people who received the newspapers, because they were afraid of being seen with them.

Because it proved that the people feared to use or receive the stamps of the underground post office, only this one issue was printed. Different color combinations were used at different times. Some stamps were imperforate while others were not only perforate, but had an extra horizontal perforation through the middle of the stamp to divide it in half so as to get twice the number of stamps from a given amount of paper. Thus the white eagle might be in use one week, and the black the next.

Cancellations were done by a metal stamp, and consisted of a circle with the inscription "Tajna Poczta Polska." Sometimes they were black, sometimes red or green. An effort was made to obtain clean



Polish Underground stamp used to distribute newspaper *Jutro Polski*.

name "Polska Niepodległa" (Independent Poland) organized an underground post office and appointed *Mir* as postmaster. One of his duties was to print stamps for the distribution of the underground newspaper, *Jutro Polski* (Tomorrow of Poland). The paper was read by thousands of Polish patriots and was their chief means of knowing what was going on in the struggle for freedom.

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cancellations, because the underground considered the stamps as a kind of memorial to the courage of the men, women, boys, and girls who risked their lives to print and deliver the paper. Thousands of lives were lost in the effort.

Readers of this magazine can well understand the deep satisfaction it was to me to be able to sit down and talk to *Franciszek Koprowski*, known during the war as "Mir," who was responsible for the operation of the underground post office and the distribution of *Jutro Polski*. He turned over to me all the variations of this issue known to be still in existence, with the wish that I share the story of this stamp, which represents the struggle and suffering and faith of the Polish people.

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ON May 10, 1960, the *Power and Communications* regular issues (Scott Nos. 329-339) were replaced by a new set of regulars called *Postal History and Architectural Monuments* (Scott Nos. 382-399).

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With this issue the Swiss PTT saw fit to differentiate the coils from the regulars by the use of "secret marks". A minor detail was eliminated from the designs of the 5, 10, and 20 centime coils. On the 5 centime coil there are only three vertical lines on the pike shaft directly behind the messenger's right hand instead of four found on the sheet stamp. On the 10 centime coil the dot just below the pike head (probably representing a rivet) has been eliminated. On the 20 centime value there are only nine buckle holes on the breeching of the coil instead of ten. These can be seen with a good magnifying glass.

When these minor differences were recently discovered in Switzerland, the Swiss Postal authorities were questioned and they admitted these engraving details. What purpose they are expected to serve is unknown to this writer.

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City Type Precancel Errors

AS promised last week, we will discuss some of the best known errors among city type precancels beginning in this week's column. Space limitations do not permit mentioning all of them, so only some typical examples will be given.

Akron, Ohio—Type 9, an electrotype plate, shows a figure "1" for letter "I" in "OHIO", in all ten subjects in the left vertical row. As a result of the position of the errors, straight-edge copies provide about one-half of the supply of these errors.

Alexander, Iowa—The seventeenth subject in the U-46 handstamp shows an error. The second "A" in the town name is inverted. In some specimens the cross-bar is very faint, making the letter look like a "V".

Alhambra, Calif.—One of the type-sets (type 5) from this town shows an error in the abbreviation of the state name, "CALIF."

Annawan, Ill.—All subjects in the U-120N (type 1) hand-electro are misspelled "ANAWAN."

Aurora, Ill.—Type 3, which is Universal Style 75, is a 25-subject handstamp which contains two different errors, something that is very unusual. The tenth subject reads "ATRORA" and the eighteenth is spelled "AUROA" instead of "AURORA". Precancels showing either of these errors are scarce, as the particular handstamp containing the errors appears to have been discarded shortly after it was put to use.

Austin, Texas—Type 3 (U-71) has an error in the state name, which reads "AEXAS" in at least one subject of the handstamp.

Baltimore, Md.—An interesting error occurs in type 6, an electric plate. One of the 100 subjects is spelled "BALTI-MOER". This is a very scarce item, as the error was corrected after the first printing. It has been seen on the perf. 12 dues only.

Bayonne, N. J.—Type 1 is another U-71 handstamp containing an error, but this time in the city name. One subject reads "BACONNE".

Belvidere, N. J.—One of the U-71 handstamps presents a comedy of errors. There are three subjects with the town name misspelled: "BBELVIDERE", "EL-VIDERE" and "BEVLIDERE". One subject shows a comma after the state abbreviation.

Berkeley, Calif.—Type 3, an electrotype plate, Universal Style 10, shows a comma after the abbreviation of the

state name. The comma appears on all subjects in the plate.

Bound Brook, N. J.—Type 5 is a U-48 handstamp of 25 subjects in one of which the "U" of the city name is inverted.

BRAINFRD MINN

Brainerd, Minn.—Type 1 is a U-73 handstamp of 25 subjects. The sixteenth subject reads "BRAINFRD," with an "F" for the "E" in the city name.

Breckenridge, Minn.—An error which the catalog fails to mention may be found in type 1, a U-83 handstamp. The city name read "Breckellridge," seen on the 1c of 1926.

Canajoharie, N. Y.—Type 2, also an electrotype plate in U-10, shows the same kind of an error as type 3 from Berkeley, namely, a comma after the abbreviation of the state name in the second line.

Campbell, Calif.—Type 2, a hand-electro in U-120, has an error in the 25th subject, which reads "CALF."

Chicago, Ill.—One of the many handstamps used by the mail order houses in Chicago had one subject showing the name of the city misspelled "CHICAGO." This was a two-subject handstamp and a very nice item is a pair, one reading normal and the other the error. The error "CHICASO" also exists in the same type, but on stamps of earlier issues.

Clayton, Del.—Type 2 consists of "CLAYTON/DEL." in two lines, type set in caps with heavy serifs, without bars or lines. It is found normal, inverted and double. There are two spacings between the state names—1mm. and 2.5 mm. The period after "DEL" is missing from some subjects and at least one subject shows the "L" of "DEL" inverted. Then there are the following errors in spelling: "CLAYNTO", "CLY-ATON" and "CLYTON".

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Cloquet, Minn.—Type 2 is a handstamp of 25 subjects, of which three read "CLOQNET".

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AUSTRALIA—The current 5/- postage stamp will be replaced on July 26, 1961, with another of the same denomination, with a design significant of the cattle industry in the Northern Territory.

BELGIUM—On July 31, 1961, three stamps were issued with a special surtax for the 400th anniversary of the elevation of Malines to the stature of an archbishopric. The values and subjects are: 40+10c portrait of Cardinal de Granvelle; 3F+1.50F Arms of the Cardinal; 6F+3F Symbol of the collaboration of the city of Malines and the archbishopric, the arch-episcopal staff, and tower of St. Rombaud's Cathedral. Designs are by Meert, and engraving by Jaanssens. Printing is by combined recess and photo-gravure.

—Administration of Posts

CHILE—Illustrated in the group of stamps shown at the head of this column is a new 5 centesimos stamp for airmail shown through courtesy of Jose Galetovic, of Santiago. Central color is lilac, with border of blue. The stamp was released July 11, 1961.

DENMARK—Two stamps of the 50 ore and 80 ore denominations will be issued on August 25, 1961, as part of the new current series. The colors will be blue-green and orange, respectively. Perforation 1234.

ECUADOR—First day covers dated July 13, 1961, have been received from Samuel Valarezo, J. Kapon, and the Director General of Posts. One set of four values shows butterflies: 20c, 30c, 50c, 80c, the other is a four-value set showing animals: 10c, 20c, 80c, and 1 sucre. Mr. Valarezo has enclosed maximum cards with paintings of the respective butterflies and animals, with stamp affixed and postmarked, in the nature of maximum cards.

FIJI—Printings have been ordered in new designs for definitive stamps, in the following denominations: ½d Annigoni portrait of H. M. the Queen, emerald green; 2d ditto, rose red; 6d Fijian beating Lali, magenta/black; 8d Hibiscus, multicolor; 1/- map, light blue/deep blue; 2/6d Nadi airport, black/purple; 10/- cutting sugar cane, emerald/sepia; £1

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coat of arms, black/orange. Harrison & Sons are printing the 8d value by photo-gravure; the remainder are being printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., by recess process. They will be on CA Script watermarked paper.
—Crown Agents Bulletin

FRANCE—Three stamps were issued July 3, 1961: an 0.20 NF depicting Thann Cathedral, in sheets of 50, designed and engraved by Gandon, perf. 13; an 0.20 NF depicting a new cable car to Mont-Dore, in sheets of 50, designed and engraved by Combet, perf. 13; and an 0.50 N.F., showing Fauchard, author of *The Dental Surgeon*, in sheets of 50, designed and engraved by Decaris, perf. 13.
—Minister P.T.T.

GAMBIA — A special issue of four stamps is being prepared by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. to commemorate the proposed visit by QEII, which is due to take place in early December 1961. Further details will be announced later.
—Crown Agents

GREECE—Nicholas Coulas reports a used copy of Greece 1927, 3D, Scott's #330, with double impression of the frame. A certificate of genuineness of the double frame was issued by The Philatelic Foundation, New York.

HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for a four-value set commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vasas Sport Club. They depict football (40f), wrestling (60f), athlete (1 Ft), and sailboating (2+1 Ft). Date of issue, July 8, 1961.

ICELAND—On August 18, 1961, two commemoratives will be issued to mark the 175th anniversary of the granting to the City of Reykjavik its municipal charter (August 18, 1786). The denominations are Kr. 2.50, with quantity of 1,500,000; and Kr. 4.50, with a quantity of 1,000,000. Printing is by photogravure by Courvoisier S.A., Switzerland, in sheets of 50.

On Sept. 18, 1960, two new EUROPA (CEPT) stamps will be issued. The design is by the Dutch artist, Theo Kurerschok, and printing is in multicolors by Courvoisier in sheets of 50. Denominations are Kr. 5.50 and Kr. 6.00. Quantity, one million each.
—Jonas Hallgrimsson

INDONESIA—From the *Director of Posts* we have copies of stamps and information, and from T. G. Lauw we have a first day cover dated July 6, 1961. The stamps have a symbolical design for the national construction through united efforts, and are in three values: Rp. 3, Rp. 1.50, and 75 sen. On white watermarked paper, printed by rotogravure by the Indonesian Security Printing Works at Djakarta. Designed by Junalies.

ISRAEL—The Ministry of Posts announces a stamp will be issued on the occasion of the bicentenary of the death of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, founder of Hassidism, a Jewish religious and social movement. It was designed by E.

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Spain's 25th anniversary of National Uprising stamps on first day cover from Carlos Lenze. Covers came also from M. Galvez, Madrid.

Vardimon, Tel Aviv, and shows the Bet Hamidrash, the synagogue at Medzibozh in Russia where Baal Shem Tov taught. It is of the II. 0.25 denomination and was printed by photogravure on unwatermarked paper at the Government Printers, Hakiryia, Tel Aviv.

Also from the Ministry of Posts three commemoratives in honor of the Jewish New Year 5722 are announced. The theme of the stamps is "Heroes of Israel" — Samson, Yehuda Maccabi and Bar Kochba. They are multicolored stamps, designed by A. Calderon, of Ramat Gan. Printed by photolithography on unwatermarked paper. (Illustrated at head of column by courtesy of Israel Philatelic Agency in America.)

JAPAN—First day covers have been received from the following with the 10 yen stamp commemorating completion of the Aichi Irrigation Project, issued July 7th; and the 10 yen stamp for the 75th anniversary of the enactment of Japan Standard Time. Kunihiro Wm. Hatate, T. Imazato, Kanai Stamp Co., Kenzi Miwa, S. Miyake, Meiso Mizuhara, Shozo Murase, Kenji Nakatani, Miss Fumiko Takamura, Tsuyoshi Toyooka, H. Tsuge, and Riichi Yoshida.

MONGOLIA—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for first day covers with a set of nine values depicting various farm activities, such as sheepherding, cows, pigs and chickens, goats, etc. Values are 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 mungs, and 1 Tugrik.

NETHERLANDS—The 1961 Europa stamps will be issued on September 16 to 18 in two values, 12 cent and 30 cent. Both show the same design, nineteen doves in flight, the winning design for this year's Europa design, by Theo Kupper-shoek, of the Netherlands.

—J. C. F. Heymans

NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA—On September 15, 1961 a series of four

values will be issued with surcharge in aid of social work, depicting chafers. Values are 15+5c, 10+5c, 25+10c, and 30+10c. The stamps were designed by Piet Wetselaar of Bennebroek, and were printed by Enschede at Haarlem.

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NORFOLK ISLAND—A new 10/- stamp will be issued on August 14, 1961, depicting a tropic bird, and printed in green. This stamp will be added to the definitive series and has been necessitated by the 1959 increases in parcel post rates and the subsequent extension of the parcels weight limit to 22 pounds.

—Australian Philatelic Bureau

PANAMA—By mistake the information on stamps for this country was run under *Canal Zone* in our issue of July 15, 1961. In order to correct it, we are repeating the information here under the proper country:

On May 2, 1961, a set of four stamps was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Lions Club. The .03c, for regular postage, shows the Children's Hospital, edition 500,000. The air values are as follows: .05c, Helen Keller's School (500,000); .10c Children's Home (500,000); and .21c, Panama's National Emblem (200,000).

On May 24, 1961, 500,000 copies each of the 10c green "Jet" air stamp (Scott C241 of 1960) and the 10c Rome Olympics air stamp (Scott C235 of 1960) were released overprinted 1c "Rehabilitacion de Menores" (Rehabilitation of Minors).

On June 2, 1961, 20,000 of the original 40,000 of the 80c souvenir air sheets for the 15th anniversary of the United Nations (C243) were released overprinted "Año de los Refugiados" (Refugee Year) with the refugee emblem in blue.

During the week of July 3-7, 1961, 30,000 of the Rome Olympic Games air stamp (C236) were issued overprinted \$1.00 "Habilitada" (Habilitate); and 500,000 of the 10c University Silver An-

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versary (C230) were issued overprinted 1c "Habilitada."

During July or August 1961 a two-value set of stamps will be issued commemorating the meeting of the Panama and Costa Rica presidents on April 21, 1961, in the border town of Paso de Amoa. The .03c value will show crossed flags of Costa Rica and Panama in natural colors, edition 100,000; the \$1.00 will bear portraits of the two presidents, edition 20,000.

Bidding is open for a Freedom of Worship set which will depict Panama and Canal Zone churches.

—Robert A. Stevens

PAPUA & NEW GUINEA—The Australian Philatelic Bureau advises that our new stamps are to be placed on sale July 26, 1961, to replace the present stamps of similar denominations. They are 1/- female head; 3d, male head; 1/- male dancer; and 2/- male dancer.

From the Belgian stamp artist, painter, and sculptor, *Jean Van Noten*, we have a more complete report on these stamps. They are part of the first complete new series of Territory stamps since 1952, and the other values will be issued at intervals over the next three years.

The initial four issued July 26th were designed by a Territory artist, *Mrs. V. W. Prescott*, who exhibits paintings under her maiden name of *Pamela Carnielo*.

All stamps are being printed by the Note Printing Branch of the Reserve Bank of Australia in Melbourne. The next stamps in the new series will include a card of Paradise design and one showing a native policeman on traffic control duty in Port Moresby. They will be the 1d and 3s issues, respectively. The remainder of the new issue will be completed by early 1963, and these will feature Territory scenes.

PARAGUAY—On July 31, 1961 there will be released a set of seven values as follows: Regular postage—Puma—75c, 50G, 4.50G, 10.00G. Airmail—Tapir—2.45G, 18.15G, 34.80G. There will be 10,000 each of the postage issues, and 1,000 each of the airmails.

—Paraguayan Philatelic Agency, Inc.

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PORTUGAL—Two values for the centenary of the Faculty of Letters (founded 1859) will be released August 3, 1961. Values of 1 and 6.50 E have been recess printed by Enschede from engravings by M. Baiardi.

—P.T.S. Stamp Newsreel, London

RUSSIA—May 24 saw two values for the "Work and Man" exhibition at Turin. 4K red-brown, Statue of Worker; 6K violet, portrait of Garibaldi.

The 50K Lenin portrait issue was released on May 27; values of 20K and 30K have been added to the series; all three show portraits of Lenin at different ages, and his facsimile signature.

The three "Capitals of Autonomous Republics" stamps were issued on May 29, and show: 4K orange-red, Suchumi (Abchas ASSR); 4K violet-black, Naltchik (Kabardin-Balkarian ASSR); 4K ultramarine, Ulan Ude (Burjat ASSR).

May 29 also saw release of the 2K brown buff and orange "mourning" stamp for Patrice Lumumba, showing his portrait.

On May 31 the three Children's Day stamps for 1961 were released: 2K orange and blue, kindergarten; 3K olive and violet, Young Pioneers; 4K brick red and gray, Young Pioneers.

On June 8 a 12K multicolor was added to the Costumes series, showing Estonian costumes. The same day saw a further value in the Agricultural series, 6K blue and brown, Mechanization of Grain Harvest.

The commemoratives for the fourth and fifth space ships were issued on June 8. June 13th saw a 4K carmine and gray stamp for the 150th birthday of the author and critic, W. T. Belinski, showing his portrait and an open book. Also released was a portrait stamp honoring General Karbishev, 4K multicolor.

The Gagarin Space Flight issue has been released imperf. A 6K multicolor for the 40th anniversary of meteorological research has also been placed on sale. The design shows instruments and a world meteorological map, together with an ascending rocket.

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On August 21, 1961, a set of dancer stamps will be issued in sheets of 50: 25c value 500,000 copies; 50c 250,000. On Sept. 21 an airmail set in the following values, designs, and quantities: 9c and 14c showing Flying Goddess, two million and 300,000, respectively. A 19c and 27c Wind God (300,000 each); 35c Flying Goddess (300,000).

In mid-October there will be a dancer set in multicolor in same design as August 21st release in the value of \$1.00 (200,000). November 15th will see a 1½c New Year postcard, to be designed by S. Isagawa, theme to be "Year of the Tiger."

November 26th, tenth anniversary of Book Week, a 3c stamp designed by S. Isagawa, twenty stamps to the sheet, quantity not yet determined. December 10th, 1½c New Year stamp, designed by S. Yamada, with theme "Year of the Tiger"; all being third printing: 8c (200,000) and 13c (100,000) early August; 20c (200,000) and ½c (1,000,000) early September.

—Joseph V. Bush

SAN MARINO—The previously forecast 1,000 Lire airmail stamp has been received from *Venetia F.D. Covers*, Turin, Italy, on first day cover dated July 6, 1961. Color is raspberry red, and design shows a helicopter in flight over the Adriatic, and San Marino at the left. *Pierson Ostrow* advises that it went into use five days after the inauguration of the CIE (Italian Helicopter Company) helicopter service between Rimini and San Marino, with six flights per day. As mentioned in STAMPS of July 8th, the stamp was printed in miniature sheets of six.

SPAIN—Our thanks to *M. Galvez* and to *Carlos Lenze*, Madrid, for attractive first day covers with the complete set of twelve values of the 25th anniversary of the National Uprising, described in our issue of July 1, 1961.

VATICAN CITY—Our thanks to *Vittorio Lo Bianco, Inc.*, for a first day cover of that firm's Golden Series, of the stamps issued in honor of the first centenary of the *Osservatore Romano*, the Holy See's official newspaper. Covers from other correspondents were reported in our last issue. First day date was July 4, 1961.

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YEMEN—Three values were recently released, offset-printed in Leipzig, to mark the opening of the deepwater port at Hodaïda. Design shows three cranes and a cargo ship. It is understood that a miniature sheet was also released. To aid the reconstruction of Hodaïda after a disastrous fire, the Refugee Year stamps have been reissued in miniature sheet form and with altered colors.

—P.T.S. Stamp Newsreel, London

British Society to Celebrate Golden Anniversary of First U. K. Aerial Post

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The show will be held October 6, 1961, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. Trophies, medals, and special awards will be given to winners in the exhibition. Chairman is Emerson A. Clark, of Burbank, California, president of the Southern California Federation.

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The *West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc.*, meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month all year 'round at the *Y.M.C.A., 25 Park St., Montclair, N. J.* Officers recently elected for the coming year are *Vic Engstrom*, pres.; *Florene R. Golt*, vice pres.; *Anson E. Voorhees*, treas.; and *Dorothy MacKay*, sec'y. Trustees are *Richard Coda, Sr.*, and *William Pederman*.

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The *German American Stamp Club* of *Ranstein Air Base, Germany*, meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Base. The club has about 30 American servicemen and dependents in its membership, and 10 Germans. *Walter A. Allenbacher*, of *Schoenberg/Pf., Germany* and *S/Sgt. Richard N. White*, of *Boston, Mass.*, were elected co-presidents at the July 5th meeting. Anyone wishing to contact the club should write to *S/Sgt. Richard N. White, 31st Weather Squadron, A.P.O. 12, New York, New York*.

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The *Queen City Stamp and Cover Club* of the *American First Day Cover Society* meets in *Plainfield Trust State National Bank, Fanwood, N. J.* *Sol. H. Koved* was recently elected president and *Frank J. Aufrecht, 1448 Shirley St., Plainfield, N. J.*, secretary.

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